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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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For: X-RAY GENERATING APPARATUS,
X-RAY IMAGING APPARATUS, AND
X-RAY INSPECTION SYSTEM

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated August 28, 2002 (Paper No. 6), the period for response to which extends through November 28, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 2 and 6 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 1, 4, and 5 as follows:

1. (Amended) An X-ray generating apparatus comprising:
an X-ray tube for generating, within a housing sealed into vacuum, an X-ray by focusing an electron emitted from a cathode into an anode target by way of a first grid electrode, a second grid electrode, and a focusing electrode;